

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS FOR NEW AIRPORTS IN RAJASTHAN

NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN; RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the new places proposed by Government of Rajasthan to the Union Government for setting up of airports in the State;
- (b) whether some organisation and public representatives have also given representations regarding setting up of airports at some places like Ajmer, Sriganganagar and Bikaner;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the main reasons for not setting up an airport at Ajmer, a historical and religious place of international importance;
- (e) the details of ongoing projects for upgradation of airports in Rajasthan; and
- (f) the total amount spent on these works during each of the last three years, airport-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b),(c) and (d):- Proposals have been received from Government of Rajasthan, some other organisations and public representatives for setting up of an airport at Ajmer. The proposal was examined and it was found that it will not be commercially viable even if land is given free of cost by the State Government. Besides, Ajmer is only 136 K.M. away from Jaipur and as per the existing policy no green field airport is normally allowed within a distance of 150 KM. from an existing airport. In Bikaner, Airport Authority of India maintains a civil enclave as it is a defence airport. However, there is no plan to develop this civil enclave due to lack of traffic demand. No proposal have been received for an airport at Sriganganagar.

(e):- At Jaipur Airport the work for extension of runway from 7500 ft. to 9000 ft. to sustain the operation of AB-300 type of aircraft, resurfacing of runway, expansion/resurfacing of existing apron, construction of isolation bay, new ATC block and Fire Station etc. at the cost of Rs. 32 Crore are in progress and at Udaipur Airport action to acquire additional land of 8.13 acres is in progress for installation of simple and Cat-I Approach Lighting System at runway ends.

(f) :- A sum of Rs.22 lakhs in 1998-99, Rs.84 lakhs in 1999-2000 and Rs.185 lakhs in 2000-2001 has been spent at Jaipur airport for construction of ATC block and extension of runway to 9000 ft.